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Subj: SAFETY AND OCCUPATIONAL HEALTH POLICY

1. Taking care of our people is paramount! A superlative Safety and Occupational Health Program with proactive involvement by all managers, supervisors, and employees is vital to the well being of our employees.

2. I believe that all accidents are preventable, but only when everyone seizes the initiative to protect themselves and their fellow workers. We must establish a safety culture throughout the Command wherein serious injuries and illnesses and their related costs are unacceptable both at work and at home. Every member of the NAVFAC Team must be dedicated to a goal of ZERO MISHAPS.

3. The facilities we design and construct must incorporate features to enhance the safety of our clients. We shall ensure client safety and health needs are identified early so the appropriate special controls may be designed into the facility. Designs must eliminate hazards to maintenance personnel, as well as operators and employees. We need to contract with safe, quality contractors who work to not only protect workers, military and civilian personnel, and dependents, but also to minimize potential disruption to client operations. We shall apply Operational Risk Management strategies during design, construction, public works, environmental, and Seabee training and operations.

4. Request that each Commander, Commanding Officer, and Officer in Charge be personally involved in the prevention of accidents and for providing safe products and services to our clients. We hold no principle higher than the protection of our people and the personnel who occupy and maintain the Navy's shore establishment.


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